

Gateway Interagency Fire Front and Three Rivers RC&D

Decreasing the threat of wildfire
in the wildland-urban interface

GIFF History

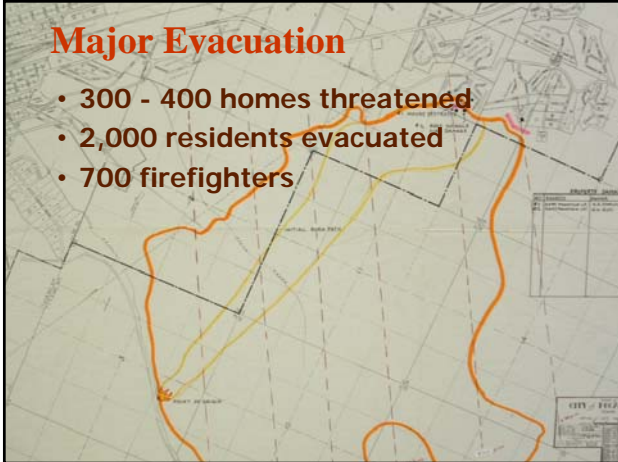
- 1987 Johnny Creek Fire





Major Evacuation

- 300 - 400 homes threatened
- 2,000 residents evacuated
- 700 firefighters





GIFF Members

- Fort Hall Fire
- Chubbuck Fire
- Pocatello Fire
- Pocatello Valley Fire
- Inkom Fire
- BLM and Caribou National Forest
- Bannock County Emergency Services and Support Agencies



GIFF Mission

- Suppression Support
- Fire Prevention
- Overall Coordination

Three Rivers RC&D Fire Education Program History

- 2000 National Wildfire Season
- 2001 – 2002 Student Conservation Association Fire Education Corps
- 2003 – 2004 Local Students make up Wildland Fire Education Program (WFEP)
- This summer, WFEP continues





WFEP Mission

To reduce the threat of wildfire by creating Firewise communities while respecting and complementing other values such as aesthetics, privacy, recreation, and wildlife



WFEP Team and Pocatello Fire Marshall



Partners of the WFEP

Pocatello Fire Department
 Idaho Department of Lands
 Gateway Interagency Fire Front (GIFF)
 Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 United States Forest Service (USFS)










Objectives of the WFEP

Sponsor fuel reduction projects







Multi-home and Cost Share Projects



Objectives of the WFEP

Provide educational materials about Firewise principles and practices

Riverfest - Pocatello, ID

Canvassing

Home Depot Wildfire Prevention Week



Objectives of the WFEP

Present Firewise talks to homeowners and various organizations



Swan Valley Public Meeting



Lava Ranch Annual Meeting



Objectives of the WFEP

Conduct fire hazard surveys for local fire departments using:



RedZone Software



Provide free wildland fire home evaluations

GIFF and WFEP Collaborate

- National Fire Plan (2000)
- Healthy Forest Initiative (2002)
- Fuel Reduction Demonstration Project in Johnny Creek (2002)
- Portneuf West Bench Fuels Reduction Project (2003)
- GIFF Mitigation Activities



Fuel Reduction Demo Project

- Summer 2002 in Johnny Creek Area
- SCA Fire Education Corps, 17 organizations, and many volunteers
- Used Firewise principles to create defensible space



BLM – Portneuf Project



Working with Private Landowners



- Four multi-home projects in 2003 and 2004

Firewise Column

Since 2003, has provided homeowners with information on various issues relating to wildfire



Homeowner Participation

- Several programs allow homeowners to perform fuel reduction activities on their own
 - Bannock County Landfill Certificate
 - Lava Ranch Chipping Project
 - Pocatello Fire Dept Chipper



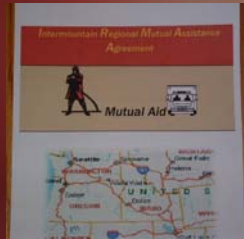
GIFF Mitigation Activities

- Adopt 2003 International Fire Code
- Appendix – Wildland Interface Code



GIFF Mitigation Activities

- Water supplies
- County Wide Mutual Aid



GIFF Mitigation Activities

- Public Outreach
- Expansion of GIFF
- Assisting Large Land Owners
- Biomass Utilization



GIFF Mitigation Activities

- Partnership with Homeland Security and Insurance Companies
- Working with Bannock County LEPC
- Bannock County Comprehensive Fire Mitigation Plan

